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MARK TWAIN BETTER.

While it looked as if Mark Twain had come home to die, it is cheering news to the American people to learn that he is more comfortable and that his physicians are more hopeful.

Samuel L. Clemens has made a brave fight for life, but considering his age and his physical impairment, and the deep bereavements of late years, it looks as if his days were numbered.

Mark Twain as a humorist has put a great deal of sunshine into this generation; and as a satirist he has struck hard blows when and where hard blows were deserved. Few writers have such a hold upon the people as he, and the sympathy for him in affliction is both broad and sincere.

Mark Twain may cease to create anything new; he may go over to the great majority in the silence, but the humor he has in concrete form will make generations yet to come indulge in laughter.

He has had a wonderful career, and has held the people's attention and interest longer than any other American writer, hence he commands the sincerest solicitude of the people and their hearty good wishes for his restoration to health.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S WAY.

President Taft does not think that it is necessary for him to greet everybody even though he accepts an invitation to address them. The little incident at the conference of the woman suffragists at Washington which he was himself called out to address of other occasions when he disagreed with his hosts.

His record shows that while he does not deny the right of freedom of thought he will not brook the denial of it to himself. Attention is being called to the fact that "down in New Mexico he was introduced to an audience with an account of the agreement for statehood which had been a condition precedent to his nomination. He immediately denounced that version of the affair as a disgraceful and wholly unfounded. His Alcon speech of yesterday, in which he said that there were to be at home on election day he would vote the democratic local ticket, will never be forgotten by the practical politicians of Ohio. Out in the Philippines the native American element had assembled to air their "grievances," and when they had done so at great length he replied in effect that if they did not like conditions there the steamboat lines were running back to the United States.

At the waterways agitation on the Mississippi river trip, he made no secret of his misgivings over the plan. At Winona, in backing Taft, he virtually affronted the average American audience, yet he keeps up his campaign of education.

President Taft does not mean to be offensive, but if being true to his convictions is offensive he does not mind. This is really a good quality and likely to be commended rather than condemned by the people.

MR. LAKE AT WILLIMANTIC.

The Hon. Everett J. Lake is being sharply criticized for his speech at Willimantic, because he didn't say enough, not because he said too much or did not say what he had to say well.

Mr. Lake held the following statement up for the observation of the taxpayers:

"From 1900 to 1907 the record of the state's finances was one to be proud of. In 1907 the debt of the state was abolished. The debt is now two millions. I am not criticizing the expenditures of the last two years, but you know that as soon as there is indebtedness there should be an effort at economy."

"There is no question but this statement will receive the prompt endorsement of the taxpayers regardless of party; and there is enough to it to reflect what Mr. Lake's policy would be should he be the next republican nominee."

The Courant takes occasion to say that the address was interesting and pleasing, but that it did not impart as much political information as his hearers had been led to expect from the introduction. But it must be admitted that Mr. Lake is not responsible for the expectations or disappointments of his hearers. The speaker who succeeds in pleasing and interesting his hearers is credited with having done well enough.

Mr. Lake must be credited with having shown how he stood upon the leading policies of his party; and the time does not appear to have yet for him to tell what he would do.

If it should be proven that Halley's comet had lost its tail, this generation would hold it in derision.

LOGICAL SEQUENCE.

Which we cannot put our department in the purchase of necessities, we should look to New Haven, where they have the best equipped fire department in the state, and yet it could not cope with the fall fire or two other large fires which preceded it within 25 hours.—Norwalk Hour.

Now, of course we here in New Haven know that it is only fairly true that we have the best equipped fire department in the state; it is far from being true that it could not cope with any and all of the three serious fires which it was forced to meet within 15 hours this week. ***

New Haven has been well advertised by its critical friends of late as a place having things the matter with it. First the state was told this was a place which permitted its saloons to run it. Then a misguided utterance by a public official advertised us to the world as a center of the white slave trade. It is perfectly natural that an observant newspaper should conclude that we have also as a department inadequate to our growing needs.—New Haven Register.

It is apparent, anyway, from the above remarks, that a fire department adequate for most any emergency is the thing to have. Also, that economy carried into the fire department is sure to spell disaster later on, and call for a larger outlay of money than if it had been maintained at a standard of efficiency all of the time.

NARROW OF VIEW.

The merchant who whines because shows and big mail-order houses take money out of town is sharply criticized by the Waterbury Republic for his narrowness. That paper says:

"The attitude of some merchants on commerce and other affairs that take money out of town is very narrow. People will not work hard or intelligently for mere food and clothes with no amusement, no vacations, no recreation and no opportunities to travel. All of these things take money out of town. The trolley cars and the railroads take more money out of town than they bring here. Shall we tear up the tracks?"

The Republican says further that "if you stop money from going out of town, you stop other things which we need from coming into town. If our communities stop their money coming to Waterbury, they stop our products from going out of town."

"This question is well put. Trade is voluntary and when it becomes compulsory it also becomes irksome. To be a success 'trade must go on its merits."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Hurry and Miss Swift promise to make matrimony go some.

Many a man who means well seems at times to invoke the aid of the meanest methods.

Happy thought for today: It is better to be blown up by the boss than by an automobile.

Pinchot could not keep his assuring smile hid and that seemed to be worth cabling at \$3 a word.

The insurgents give notice that they will attend to business now and to Speaker Cannon later.

The opening of the baseball season gives evidence that there is more money in circulation this year than last.

The Irish members of parliament do not appear to be any more afraid of the lords than Daniel was of the lions.

King Edward must be noticing that the British crisis is rapidly working his way and is likely to be right up to him.

The muncie of Vienna has called upon Roosevelt and talked it all over, and Merry old Val has fallen to second place.

When a legislature is to be cleaned up there is no need of a vacuum sweeper. It is healthy then to raise the dust.

The boys of today pedal a bike, but the boys of yesterday used to push a wheelbarrow for what there was in it for them.

Dr. Pearson of Chicago has just passed his 90th year. He will distribute no more millions until he is in his 92d year.

It shows that the people are flush when 145,000 paid admissions in professional baseball.

The democrats are so fired with hope that they are lining up for the office. It is a pity that 1912 means another chill for them.

Take the census man right into your confidence and tell him how old Ann is and whether your prices rest upon a surplus or a mortgage.

This country would like to know what it has done that a million free copies of a cook book for serving cheap meals should be circulated among the people.

Things are centralized too much. Labor cannot strike unless a national committee approve; and the retailers cannot fix prices or buy home products without the consent of the packers.

Lord Kitchener recognizes that the Panama canal is the key to the situation. As John Bull holds the key to most situations, Uncle Sam should jealously guard this one.

When prices of fruit cannot be kept up in New York and San Francisco, commercialism takes the surplus and throws it into the bay—it is better for them selling it cheap or distributing it among the poor.

Sure to Come Anyday.

Rome is planning the crowned heads dodge to avoid complication; but Roosevelt saw no occasion to year from his cause, which was both honorable and manly.—Norwich Bulletin.

It is not probable that he sought any convention with the voters, though he did not change his course to avoid the inevitable. His enemies have been active and constant in abuse and insinuation concerning his action, but we imagine that the vast majority of the people will agree with the Bulletin in their judgment of his course. But had he done differently the carping criticism would have been louder still. This was sure to come anyway.—Bridgeport Standard.

A health officer recently received the following note from one of the residents of his district: "Dear Sir: I beg to inform you that my child, aged eight months is suffering from measles as required by act of parliament."—NY-Hits.

Woman in Life and in the Kitchen

NEEDLEWORK SUGGESTIONS.



Paris Transfer Pattern No. 8114.

For the dress, the skirt and the blouse, gloves, ties, or collars to be embroidered in the natural shades on linen, lawn, silk, or satin. The pattern is lined with light blue and a sheet of scented cotton batting is put between the top and lining. Blue ribbons tie the case when folded. It measures 15 inches long.

Price of pattern, 10 cents. Order through The Bulletin Company, Pattern Dept., Norwich, Conn.

Paris Transfer Pattern No. 8173.

Skirt pattern. The wide section is for the front panel and the narrow portion for the side panels of the skirt. It is suitable for corset, bodice, or cord. The dots may be worked as eyelet or made whole.

Price of pattern, 10 cents. Order through The Bulletin Company, Pattern Dept., Norwich, Conn.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

The diet of the Austrian crown domain of Krain has granted women the right to vote in the capital, Laibach. A special time of the day is allotted them for the exercise of this right, possibly as a measure to protect them from assaults of male voters!

At the instance of the cab drivers' union an English judge recently ruled that a baby's mouth carried in the arms of its nurse was an extra person and must be paid for at adult rates. The baby's parents would say that no one but a cab driver would think of calling a baby which weighed less than a good-sized parcel a "person."

The increasing employment of men and boys for domestic work is pointed to by some people as a significant sign of the times. In London, the papers of that town state, ladies are being trained with a view to doing the daily work in houses, and both as cooks and housemaids they leave weaker sex behind. Such, at least, is the testimony of the grateful housekeepers who employ them.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOUSEWIFE.

Table salt should be fine, preferably of the boxed sort, which is almost as smooth as powder. Black pepper has more taste and pungency if ground freshly in a little pepper mill at the time of using.

Crushed silk may be smoothed out and restored to something like its original freshness by being sponged with gum arabic water. Sponge on the right side of the silk, and when almost dry iron it on the reverse side. Do not use a real hot iron or you will make the silk stiff and papery.

When the sink becomes greasy put a little paraffin oil on a piece of flannel and rub the sink with it. It will easily remove the grease. The smell of the paraffin can be removed by washing with cold water. At the same time this will also clean the pipes.

In the way of seasonings, Worcester-shire, garlic, summer savory and cayenne pepper may furnish up a dish that would be otherwise tasteless. Hungarian paprika, which is a very sweet and mild red pepper, gives a delicious flip to omelettes and tomato dishes, and Italian oil is far more delicate than the French olive.

Good Custard.

One cook gives these suggestions for baking custard: Always put the custard in a pan of hot water when putting in the oven.

Then do not open the oven door for 20 minutes.

At the end of that time try the custard with a knife.

If the blade comes out clean, the custard is done.

Otherwise let it remain a few minutes longer until the test is satisfactory.

Always bake the custard in a moderate oven.

It is said that when these hints are observed the custard never separates and is never underdone.

Pique Fancy Work.

White pique fixings for the guest-room of the summer cottage are a dainty innovation that should prove most attractive. The material is a fine cloth that may be made of pique are innumerable, and those already shown include lace, muslin and table covers, pin cushion and mending bag, a couch pillow and a rocking-chair headrest.

Boxes covered with this material may be added to the list, and for the larger sizes the same material is recommended.

A not too heavy corded pique is chosen, in the usual white quality, and upon its surface is painted a design either in corn flowers, wild roses or chrysanthemums. These colors are supposedly fade-proof. Sand may be applied with a brush after the design is stamped or drawn delicately upon the pique.

Both the colors mixed with turpentine and stencil dye will wash with ordinary care in a weak lather of white soap and lukewarm water. The added caution necessary in the laundering of pique is: "Don't wring!" This material is stretched straight upon the line and allowed to drip dry.

Most of these bedroom fixings are merely handsome, since the decoration lies in the color work solely.

Beware of Border.

Short women, especially if they are stout, should beware of the skirt hemmed around the bottom with a view of making them look taller. It will do the opposite. This fashion is attractive viewed upon figures exhibited in the shops and no doubt many women will be strongly tempted to adopt it, hence this word of caution.

Some of these hems are as wide as 18 inches at their deepest points, for, fortunately, all of those borders are trailing coils for the well-to-do. They are made of perfectly straight material, the broken line of the hem makes the mode more becoming to the average figure.

The Spring Diet.

It should include fruits of all kinds. Too much salad and green vegetables cannot be eaten this season.

The system craves the phosphates that are found in milk, and eggs.

Apple sauce and prunes are both beneficial.

A raw apple at breakfast and at

night is excellent for those who can digest the fruit.

Rhubarb should be eaten for a medicinal effect, if it is available.

Cooked desserts should be eaten as little as possible substituting fruit.

Many delicacies would be used if dinner ended with a green salad, such as lettuce or romaine, with a French dressing.

Washing Pillows.

Forerunners of the spring house-cleaning are the pillows that must be cleaned, and which the careful housewife may desire to wash.

The task is tedious, but it need not be a hard one. Select a clear, sunny day. Empty the feathers or down into a bag of cheesecloth, fasten tightly at the top and wash in strong soapuds, with a little ammonia in the water.

Put the bag between the hands, moving it around in the water for 10 or 15 minutes, rinse twice in clear hot water and, without squeezing, hang to drain and dry in the sun and air. While drying pull the bag apart several times.

When they are quite dry put them in a large bag and beat for perhaps 10 minutes with a rattan whip. The feathers will be fluffy like new.

The ticks should have been washed meanwhile, ironed and ready to receive the fresh stuffing.

A few feathers, of course, will fly through the bag and are lost, but hardly enough to make any difference. For this reason, however, the feather bags should not be washed in set pipes as there is danger of clogging the drain.

Smart Linen Suit.

Linen are multitudinous—and no great have been the sales of this favorite material that many of the favorite colors are, even this early in the season, completely closed out.

A smart model was of pale colored linen piped with white, says a writer in the April Bon Ton. The severely tailored coat was fastened with pearl buttons.

Starched braiding is used on some of the dresses shown—and many of the best models are severely plain—the perfection of cut and exquisite finish.

A wide range of yellows, pink and rose shades are shown in the new line. Guimpes and undersleeves of fine white cotton voile are both practical and smart for the frock of linen—and as cotton voile in good quality launders beautifully, the suggestion may prove of value.

The demand for sponge hats has not diminished. Baroque sponges, although quite heavily ribbed, is soft and pliable.

Tusnah pounce is another favorite. Salome pounce is very light in weight—and is a favorite for the softy-grained model. All the silk and wool mixtures—Tusnah Royal and others of the same name—are shown in all the new colors and are in demand for spring wear.

Sandwich Fillings, Plain and Fancy.

One-half pound of Roquefort cheese, one-fourth as much butter, and half a teaspoonful of paprika. Mix to a paste with sherry wine. Spread on wafers or toast.

Chopped dates, seasoned with lemon peel and clove or cinnamon.

Prunes, chopped with half the quantity of English walnut meats, seasoned with lemon juice and powdered sugar.

Equal parts of chicken and ham, finely minced and seasoned with curry powder.

Thin slices of cold roast veal, covered with chopped pickles.

Minced hard-boiled egg, one sardine to every three, seasoned with lemon juice.